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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/621,539	Applicant(s) HARTEL ET AL.	
	Examiner Charles G Freay	Art Unit 3746	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/17/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 1 line 13 the reference to claim 1 should be deleted and on page 7 line 11 "is" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1 line 1 "particularly a motor vehicle ..." should be "for a motor vehicle..." so that it is clear what the claim is directed to.

In claim 1 line 11 "can be" should be "are" and in line 17 "can be" should be "is".

In claims 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16 and 17 it is unclear if the language following "particularly" or "preferably" is intended to further limit the claims. The phrases should either be positively claimed or be deleted.

In line 2 of claims 7 and 16 "can be" should be "is".

In claims 9 and 18, the last line, there is no antecedent basis for "the corresponding connector" and it is not clear which of the housings is being referred to.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18 are allowed.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art neither discloses nor makes obvious a motor pump unit as claimed having a motor housing, a brush support plate to which the plug type supply and control line are connected wherein a fastening flange projects radially above the edge of the motor housing and there is at least one external supporting ridge for supporting the brush support plate on an outer periphery of the motor housing.

The closest prior art reference are Huber et al (WO 98/16988, cited by the applicant) and Burgdorf et al (USPN 5,895,207) which disclose supply and connection members extending radially thru the motor housing but do not disclose an external supporting rib supporting the brush plate or the brush plate having a fastening flange projecting radially above the motor housing.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Burgdorf et al and Lewin disclose similar motor pump units for brake systems.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters set forth above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

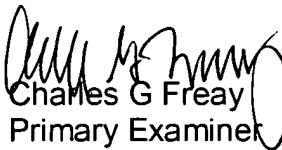
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G Freay whose telephone number is 571-272-4827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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